Essential Commodities Act, greater vigilance by the Customs and BSF Authorities in the border areas, issue of ration cards to all PDS consumers in the north eastern States were some of the important decisions taken in the meeting.

(d) The corrective measures include intensified patrolling at the border, erection of OP Towers, construction of border roads, barbed wire fencing in smuggling prone areas, gearing up intelligence machinery etc.

Leakage of a Secret Circular in Goa

2923. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had sent secret circulars to the State Government to keep vigil on alleged smugglers in view of landing of RDX after the Bombay bombing of 14th March, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware of leakage of this circular to the Press in Goa ; and

(c) if so, whether any enquiry has been instituted to apprehend the culprits under the Official Secrets Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government of Goa, an enquiry has already been ordered by the State Government in this regard.

Corruption in Distribution of Kerosene Oil

@2924. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH JATHER :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the demands submitted by the Kerosene Dealers Association are pending with the Central Government for consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and by when Government propose to settle their demands;

(c) what remedial steps Government have taken to check the irregularities and high level corruption in the distribution of kerosene oil to the dealers under P.D.S.; and

(d) whether Government have conducted any survey to ensure the availability of kerosene oil to the consumers at the prices fixed, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) A communication from the All India Kerosene Dealers Federation for a revision in the Commission admissible to wholesalers has been received. This is under examination.

(c) The officials of the State Governments regularly undertake visits and surprise checks of the retail outlets to oversee the supply and distribution of PDS Commodities to the Consumers. State Governments/U. T. Administrations have been advised to constitute Vigilance Committee at various levels and Fair Price Shop/village level. Action is taken against dafaulting distributors and others.

(d) State Governments/U. T. Administrations take necessary steps in this regard.

Growth of Indigenous Production of Petroleum Products

2925. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state : (a)whether there is stagnation in the growth of indigenous production of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the indigenous production is keeping pace with the growth of consumption of petroleum products;

(d) whether any research has been made to find out indigenous alternative fuels; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) Several projects for creation of additional refining capacity in the country are under various stages of implementation/ approval. Implementation of these projects will

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